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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Turner and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present to you my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1967.

Housing.

Plans are being made to increase the housing accommodation in the town, particularly accommodation suitable for the elderly.

Infectious Diseases.

Three cases of Measles were notified during the year. It is hoped by next year, that Measles vaccine will be available for general use. For the past seven years now, no deaths have been reported from Tuberculosis and no new cases notified.

Once again, I should like to emphasise how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene Regulations and conditions have improved.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its Officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

1967 1,040

	Narberth U.D.1967	Narberth U.D.1966	County of Pembroke.	England & Wales.
Live Births	12	14		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	11.5	13.46	17.5	17.2
Illegitimate Live Births	Nil	Nil		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	Nil	Nil		
Still Births	1	Nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	77	Nil	19	14.8
Total Live & Still Births	13	14		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	Nil	2		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	Nil	29	19	18.3
- legitimate	Nil	29		
-illegitimate	Nil	Nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4wks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	11.63	12.5
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1wk) (per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	Nil	9.3	10.8

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	Narberth U.D.1967	Narberth U.D.1966	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Peri-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1wk & Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	77	Nil	28	25.4
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	1.14	0.20
Deaths	15	27		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.4	25.96	11.9	11.2

INFANT MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under 1 year of age during 1967.

DEATHS.(General)

This year the number of deaths has dropped, bringing the death rate nearer those for the county and national. Four of the total 15 deaths were due to malignant disease, none of these were due to cancer of the lung. Heart disease accounted for 4 deaths.

Approximately 20% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 40% in persons over 80 years.

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
TOTAL (All causes)	7	8
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	4
Coronary disease, angina	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Three cases of Measles only were notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Once more, there were no deaths from Tuberculosis, neither were there any new cases notified during the year.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G.Vaccination.

B.C.G.vaccination of contacts and school-children (13 years and over) continued during 1967, at school sessions and at the Clinic when necessary. Dr. D.Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also continued to vaccinate contacts at the Chest Clinic.

25 school-children were skin tested and 24 of these were vaccinated; no contacts were skin-tested or vaccinated.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Sunnybank Old People's Home in February and also carried out a survey of the general population in Narberth in November.

At Sunnybank, a total of 49 residents were examined and of these 20 showed some abnormality of chest. 16 of the staff were examined and one only showed some abnormality. The results of the survey of the general population are as follows :-

	Male.	Female.
Total no. examined.... 204	86	118
No. found to be abnormal....5 (2.45%)	1	4
No. requiring further observation...Nil		
Other abnormalities of chest.....5 (2.45%)	1	4
Summary of other abnormalities above...5		
Healed primary tuberculosis	-	3
Non-tuberculous abnormality of bony thorax and soft tissues	1	-
Abnormalities of diaphragm and oesophagus	-	1

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: Vaccination against Smallpox and Poliomyelitis and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus continues to be carried out at the Clinic and also at school sessions. Since 1st April 1967, records of immunisation and vaccination carried out by general practitioners have had to be sent for payment, direct to the Executive Council so that we only receive these figures annually. The following details show the total numbers for the whole county of Pembroke, for 1967 :-

Primary Smallpox Vaccinations: 942. Re-vaccinations: 209.

Primary Poliomyelitis Vaccinations: 1,840. Booster doses: 1,315.

Primary Diphtheria Immunisations: 1,899. Booster doses: 2,132.

Whooping Cough Immunisations: 1,716.

Primary Tetanus Immunisations: 1,960. Booster doses: 2,175.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under the above Section during the year.